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CHEROKEE

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SUBJECT: MESSAGE FOR FAHMY

FOR AMBASSADOR FROM SECRETARY

1. PLEASE CONVEY THE FOLLOWING TO FAHMY, ASKING HIM AS USUAL TO SEE THAT SADAT IS INFORMED.

2. WE APPRECIATE THE IDEAS WHICH PRESIDENT SADAT AND HIS COLLEAGUES PROVIDED ON JULY 21. THE MAP IS STILL EN ROUTE, SO WE HAVE NOT SEEN IT YET. BUT JUDGING FROM AMBASSADOR EILTS' REPORT OF THE EGYPTIAN COUNTERPROPOSAL, WE BELIEVE THAT A SERIOUS NEGOTIATION HAS NOW BEGUN WHICH HAS A REAL CHANCE OF SUCCESS.

3. I WILL PRESENT THE EGYPTIAN COUNTERPROPOSAL TO AMBASSADOR DINITZ ON JULY 23 AS SOON AS THE MAP IS RECEIVED, WITHOUT OF COURSE MENTIONING THE FALLBACK

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POSITIONS. I WILL ASK FOR AN ANSWER BY FRIDAY BECAUSE OF

MY OWN DEPARTURE ON SATURDAY WITH THE PRESIDENT. THAT WILL GIVE THE ISRAELIS VERY LITTLE TIME. HOWEVER, I WANT PRESIDENT SADAT TO KNOW THAT WE ARE NOW DRIVING FOR A RESOLUTION AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. ALTHOUGH IT IS TOO SOON TO KNOW EXACTLY WHAT THE SCHEDULE OF FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS MIGHT BE, FOR PLANNING PURPOSES WE ARE AIMING TO COMPLETE MATTERS IN AUGUST, AND I SHALL OF COURSE CONTINUE TO DEAL WITH THE NEGOTIATIONS WHILE I AM TRAVELLING WITH THE PRESIDENT BETWEEN JULY 26 AND AUGUST 4.

4. MY ESTIMATE IS THAT, IF THERE IS A FURTHER ISRAELI COUNTERPROPOSAL, IT WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY BE NO BETTER THAN THE FALLBACK POSITION YOU HAVE ALREADY TOLD SADAT. THAT FALLBACK WAS, AS FAHMY KNOWS, ADVANCED BY RABIN AS HIS IDEA AND WILL HAVE TO BE CLEARED BY CABINET BEFORE BEING FORMALLY PUT FORWARD, AND WE ARE THEREFORE WITHHOLDING EGYPTIAN FALLBACK. AT POINT THAT WE HAVE FURTHER ISRAELI COUNTERPROPOSAL, WE EXPECT THAT WE WILL INSTRUCT YOU TO GET EGYPTIAN PERMISSION TO SURFACE AN EGYPTIAN FALLBACK POSITION WITH THE ISRAELIS. I WOULD EXPECT THE SERIOUS BARGAINING TO BEGIN AT THAT TIME. I SAY THIS SO THAT YOU WILL HAVE SOME ADVANCE INDICATION OF HOW I ENVISION THE NEGOTIATIONS PROCEEDING OVER THE DAYS AHEAD. YOU CAN TELL FAHMY THAT THIS IS MY PLAN. ALSO, YOU CAN TELL HIM THAT I WILL ASK TOON AND PERHAPS YOU TO JOIN ME IN HELSINKI. END MESSAGE. KISSINGER

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